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#### ON THE WEB



Let's be honest. It's impossible to cram all our Swim-related goodness into 170 pages. Luckily there's a home for the stuff that doesn't fit. Head over to SI.com/swimsuit for even more content. You'll see more than 75 videos and nearly 900 bonus pictures. Plus, we've got 360-degree videos from our Fiji and Mexico shoots, and we've partnered with Giphy to create hundreds of GIFs, which are searchable by model and topic. What does #dayum mean? One way to find out: Check out the site.



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#### **TELEVISION**



Fancy a behind-the-scenes look at how this magazine got made? You're in luck. The Making of SI Swimsuit 2017, a 50-minute documentary, is exclusively available on DIRECTV NOW.

The show, like this issue, celebrates the strength of women—in all forms. You'll see 63-year-old Christie

Brinkley alongside her two daughters, Alexa Ray Joel and Sailor Brinkley Cook, plus elite butt-kicking athletes Serena Williams, Caroline Wozniacki, Genie Bouchard, Simone Biles and Aly Raisman. (They'll soon be joined by rookie Mia Kang, who announces that she's training to become a Muay Thai fighter.) Rookie Bianca Balti talks about being a strong single mother. You'll see Chrissy Teigen return to the world of bikinis for the first time after the birth of her daughter, Luna.

Add in stunning location footage, and you've got a show that will heat up even the coldest winter evening.

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Every year, I look at the Swimsuit Issue and think about the accomplishments of the women it celebrates. and every year I'm amazed. The better they become, the better we become. That much is readily apparent to anyone who picks up the magazine or checks us out on the phone, goes to our website or follows us on our array of social media platforms. The Swimsuit Issue began as a simple cold-weather diversion more than 50 years ago, but the franchise has grown into so much more than that.

> The women of SI Swimsuit 2017 are a collection of change agents, pioneers, power brokers and breakout stars-in-waiting who have in their own way redefined the cultural conversation around beauty. Among them: Serena Williams, Aly Raisman, Simone Biles, Christie Brinkley, Ashley Graham, Chrissy Teigen and our cover star, Kate Upton. Like every model in this year's issue, these women embody character and beauty—and they prove that when it comes to beauty, there is not one singular definition. This is the very essence of SI Swimsuit, and it's our guiding principle as we move forward.

Back in 2012, when she appeared on our

cover for the first time, Kate spurred a conversation within the modeling industry—and, it's not an exaggeration to say, the world—about what was "acceptable" in fashion. She challenged preconceived notions, which led to dialoque that was not always pleasant, but she persevered. In other words: Haters gonna hate, but Katers gonna Kate. Now she's back for her third cover—and the conversations she started continue today in a way that makes me proud.

This year's issue proves once again that beauty does not conform to any set of stodgy standards. The pages of SI Swimsuit are filled with curves and muscles and a diverse array of faces and bodies. Christie Brinkley proves that you can still rock a bikini at 63. Simone Biles and Aly Raisman show that good things do, in fact, come in small packages, while Serena Williams demonstrates that strong is sexy.

It was the experience of a lifetime to work with these women—these powerful, wonderful, smart, courageous, bold women. I am a stronger person today because of it. And for that I would like to thank them.

Now please join me in celebrating them.















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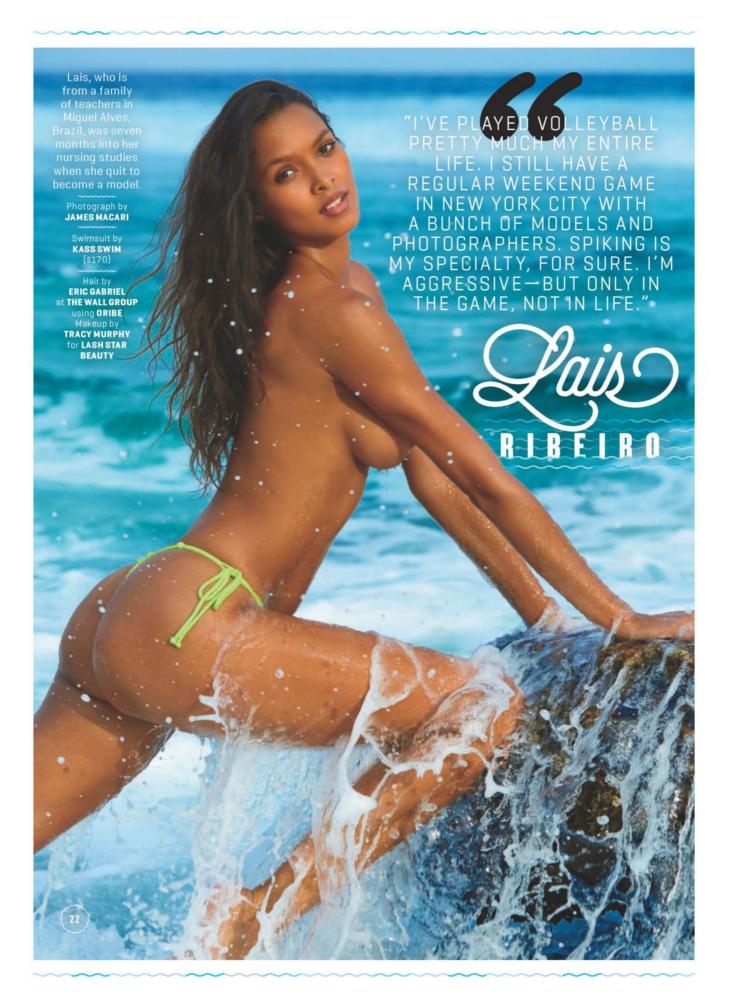
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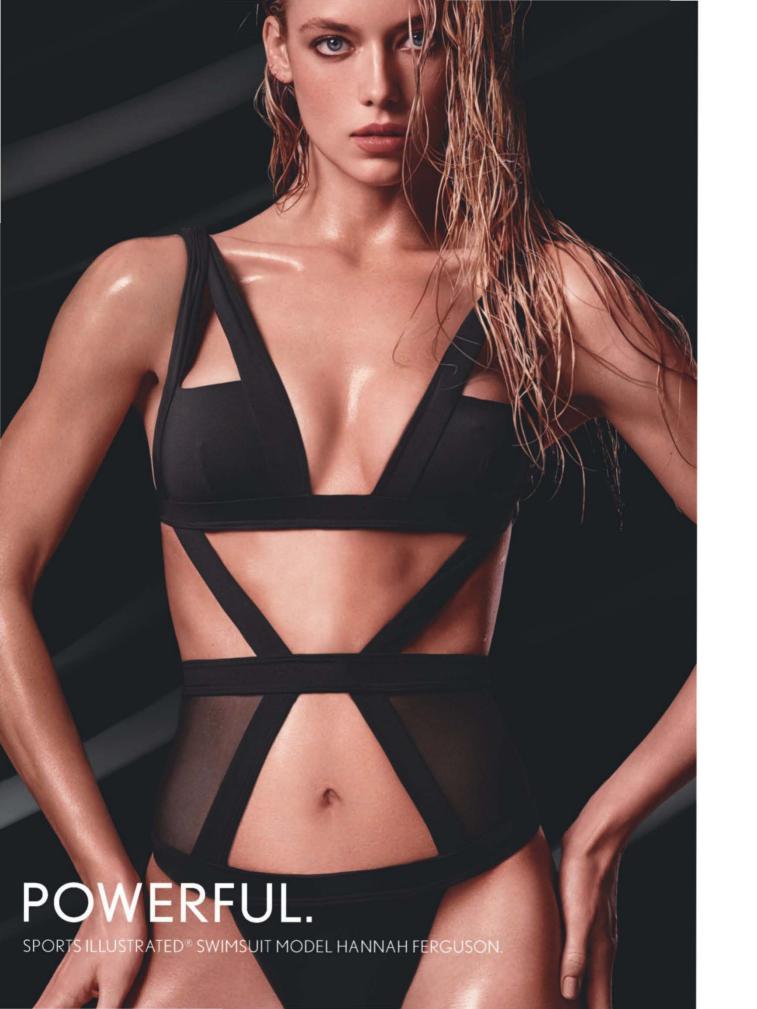




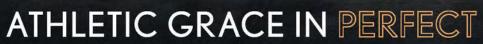




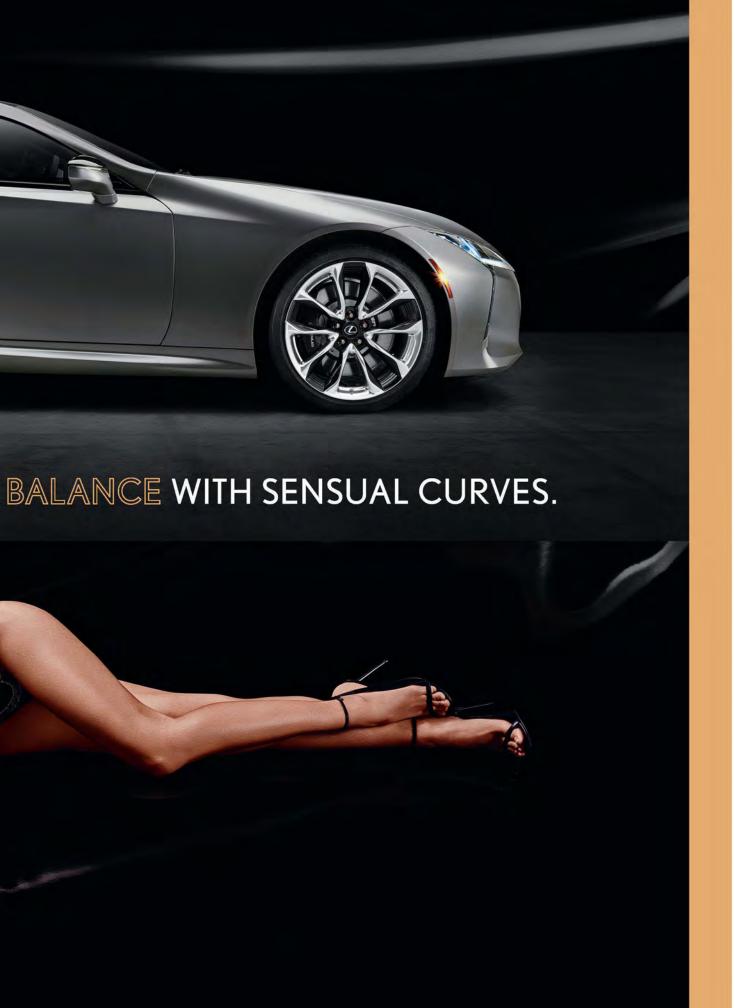














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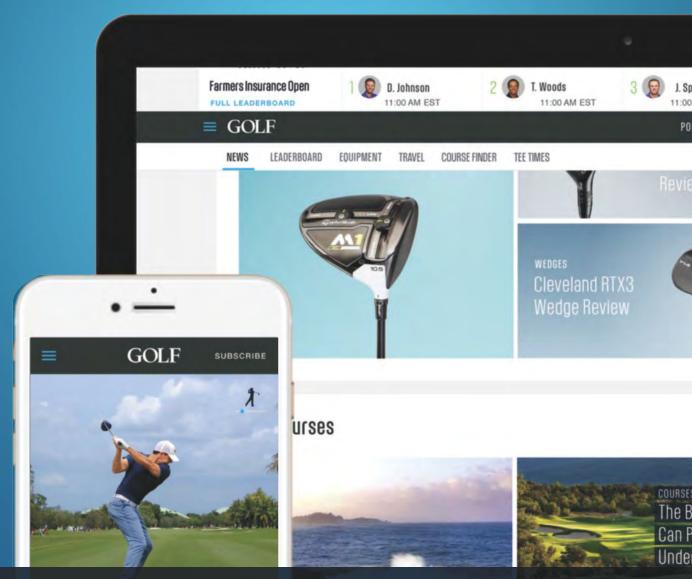












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**ISLAND** 



# WHERE DID WE GO?

Vomo Island, one of the more than 300 that make up the nation of Fiji. It's a long trip to get there from the U.S., but the island vibe hits you long before you land thanks to Fiji Airways, which imbues every element of your flight with Fijian culture.

# WHERE DID WE STAY?

Vomo Island, a 255-acre paradise that's a short helicopter ride away from the airport. The resort is the only thing on the island, so visiting means you're getting away from it all. But if you want to qet even farther away from it all, fear not: You can rent Vomo Lai Lai—or Little Vomo—and have the nearby island all to yourself. (If you run out of champagne, don't sweat it. Just call the resort on your two-way radio and they'll send some over.)

# WHAT DID WE DO?

Went snorkeling among the reefs, relaxed on the white beaches and swam in the pristine blue and green water. We also did a little fishing. Hannah caught a Spanish mackerel, a kingfish and a trevally—which led to an exquisite sashimi lunch courtesy of the resort's chef. Don't worry, though: You're not expected to catch your own meal. The resort has plenty of food that is light, fresh and sublime.

# WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

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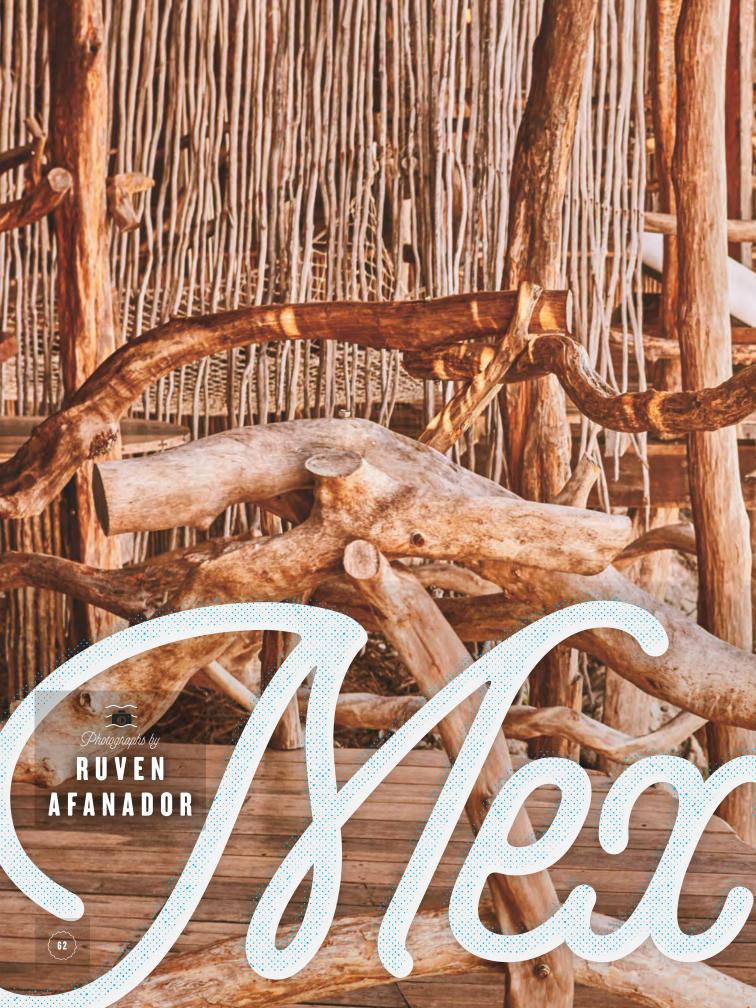
































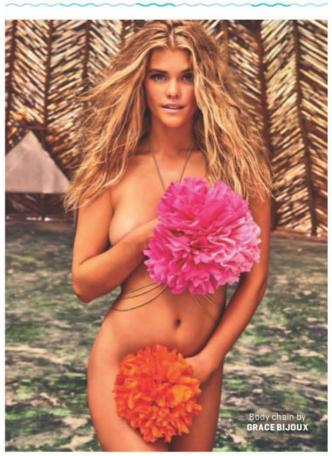






















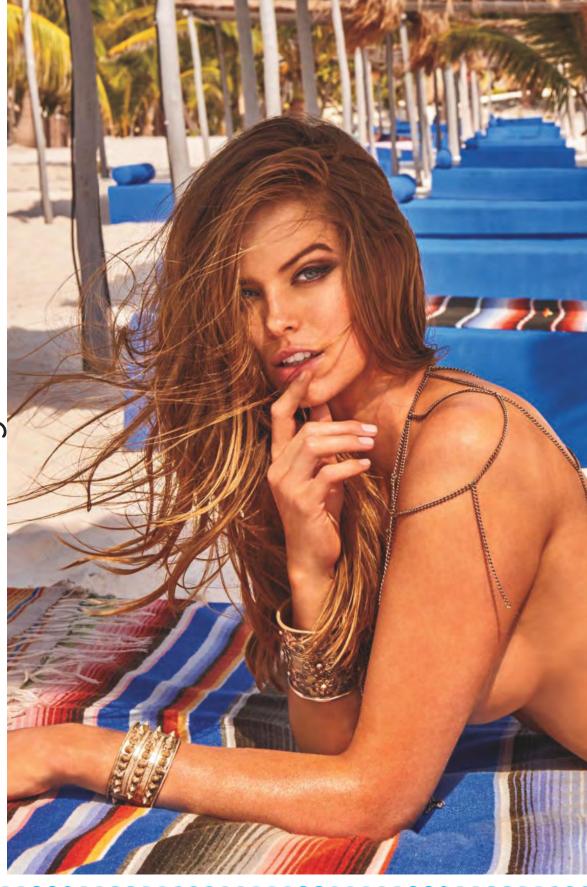
Mexico







*Info* casa malca





# WHERE DID WE GO?

Tulum, a town on Mexico's Caribbean coast near the ruins of a Mayan fortress city. (*Tulum* is the Mayan word for wall.) It's 80 miles south of Cancún on the Yucatán peninsula.

# WHERE DID WE STAY?

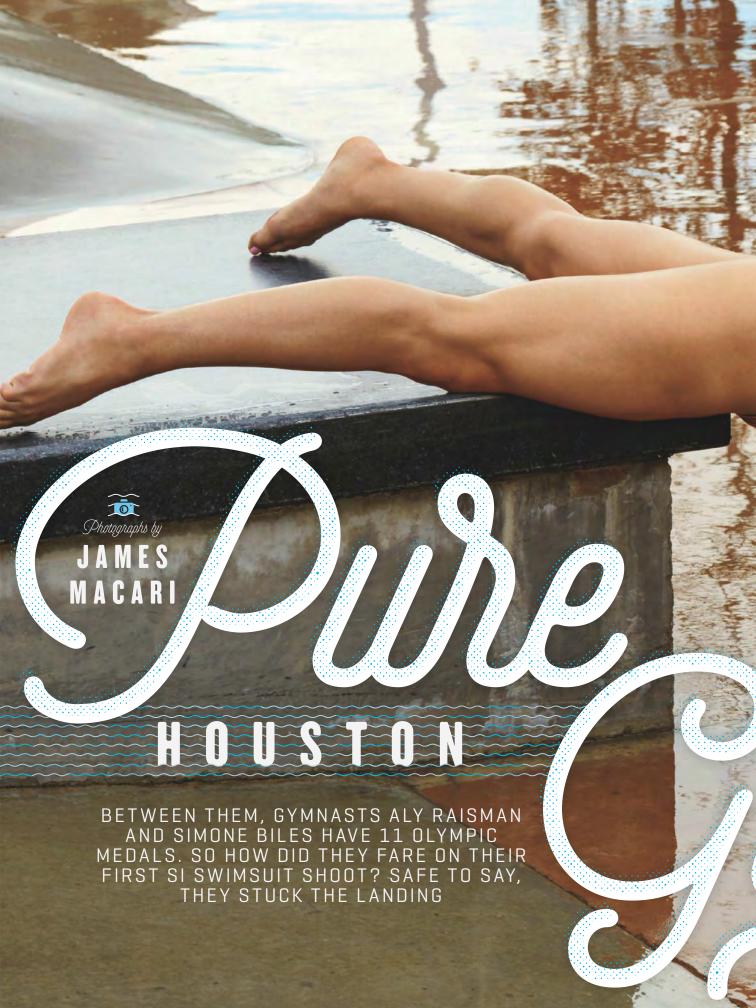
At a gorgeous estate with a modernity that complements the historic tenor of the surroundings: Casa Malca. This contemporary beachfront hotel is a converted house owned by New York City art gallerist Lio Malca. There are 11 rooms in the house and 30 more on the grounds.) Malca has decorated the property with works of modern art, so you can have a drink in a bar festooned with Keith Haring wallpaper. The house was built with native materials by local craftsmen, and that eco-friendliness is evident in everything at the hotel, from the food to the linens.

# WHAT DID WE DO?

Visited—and shot at the nearby cenotes, natural underwater limestone passages. The area is perfect for swimming, fishing and kite surfing, but the Caribbean coast isn't just about beach life. In addition to exclusive boutiques and clubs, there's a burgeoning culinary scene, with chefs giving traditional dishes sophisticated makeovers.

# WHAT DID WE BRING HOME?

Dream catchers, string bracelets—and a new way of thinking about those bare walls of ours at home.

























ZAZA



# WHERE DID WE GO?

Deep in the heart of Texas: Houston, the locale of World Champions Centre, the gym where four-time Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles trains. And we'll be going back to H-Town this month for VIBES by Sports Illustrated Swimsuit, a two-day festival of music (Diplo! Miguel!), food (nationally celebrated chefs!) and fun (models!) at The Post HTX event space.

# WHERE DID WE STAY?

Hotel ZaZa, a gorgeous boutique hotel in Houston's bustling Museum District.

# WHAT DID WE DO?

Ate at Underbelly, the amazing restaurant run by James Beard Award-winning local chef Chris Shepherd. It's named for what lurks beneath the city's surface; Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the U.S. and Shepherd's cuisine draws on a variety of cultures. All of the ingredients are fresh and all of the meat is butchered in-house, so the menu varies daily. But trust us-whatever Shepherd gets his hands on is delicious. He has put together an all-star array of chefs to provide the fare at VIBES, including restaurateurs (and Top Chef judges Graham Elliot and Hugh Acheson.

# WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

An overwhelming desire to return and have even more fun. Luckily we will do just that—and you can join us. Full details are available at si.com/ swimsuitvibes.

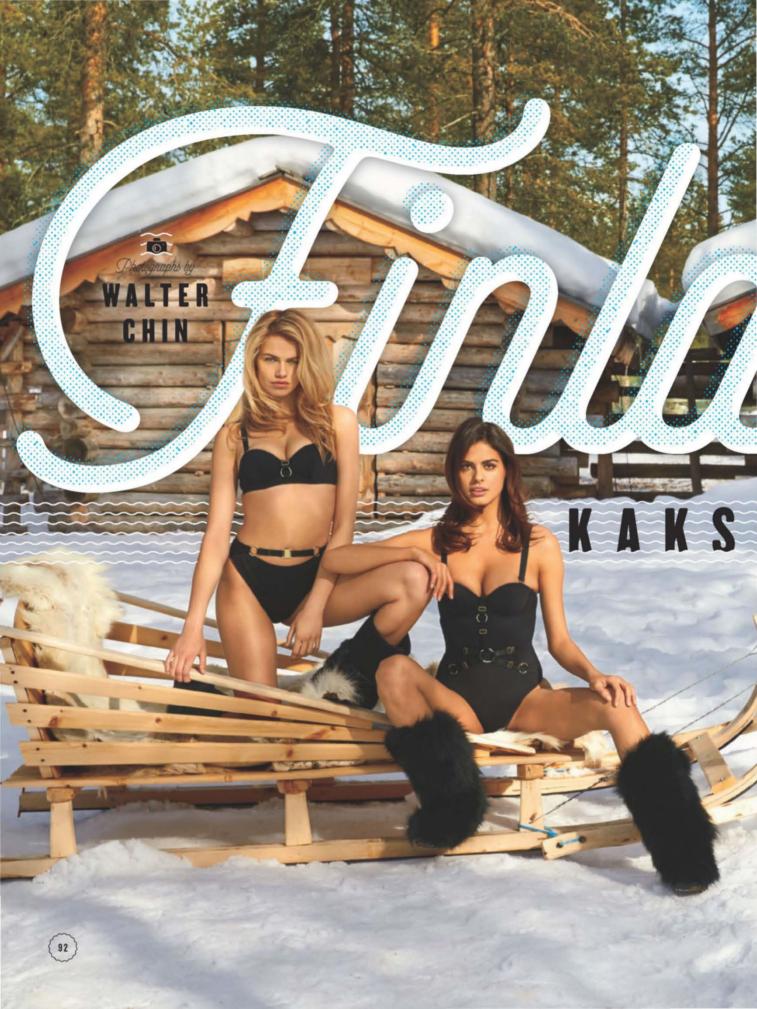
















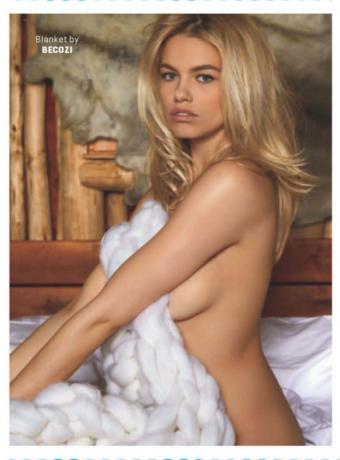




















# WHERE DID WE GO?

Santa's Winter Wonderland for Adults-better known as Lapland in Finland, which became the northernmost location ever to host a Swimsuit shoot.

# WHERE DID WE STAY?

Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, which is located 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle (but only half an hour from the nearest airport). Few places in the world are better to view the majesty of the Northern Lights. And at Kakslauttanen, you can bask in their beauty from the comfort of your own bed if you stay in one of the resort's iconic glass igloos. (If you prefer something more rustic, there are log chalets. If you're torn, there are Keloglass chalets, a hybrid of the two.)

# WHAT DID WE DO?

A lot of reindeerrelated pursuits, including a safari. The resort also offers saunas as well as activities such as ice fishing, cross-country skiing and, in the summer, canoeing and kayaking. Oh, and you can meet Santa and even stay in his home, at Kakslauttanen. But only if you're on the big quy's nice list, not the naughty one. (Which list are we on? Mind your own business.)

# WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

Christmas ornaments and reindeer pelts. Plus, some powder made from ground reindeer horns, which is said to increase one's, um, potency. (So much for getting off that naughty list.)

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*Info* como parrot CAY



#### WHERE DID WE GO?

Parrot Cay, a 1,000-acre privateisland that is a 35-minute boat ride from the main island of Turks and Caicos.

# WHERE DID WE STAY?

Como Parrot Cay, a delightful resort where you will leave feeling better than you did when you arrived. In addition to R&R on pristine beaches, Como offers a Shambhala retreat program featuring yoga, Pilates and meditation. And the cuisine—a mix of raw and cooked ingredients-is designed to boost concentration and energy. The resort also served as the backdrop for our tennis players shoot (page 132).

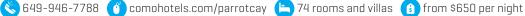
### WHAT DID WE DO?

Paid a visit to the island's most famous inhabitant, Christie Brinkley. Her home, Lucky House, sits on the beach and is beautifully decorated throughout with shells that were found on the sands. Our hostess also welcomed her daughters, and the three of them had a blast together. (Fittings aren't always fun for models, but they treated it like a mom and her two kids playing dress-up.) We also found out that Alexa Ray inherited some serious vocal chops from her dad, Billy Joel. She serenaded us with "Part of Your World," from The Little Mermaid.

# WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

White sand, shells, beach-scented candles and a much-needed sense of relaxation.

















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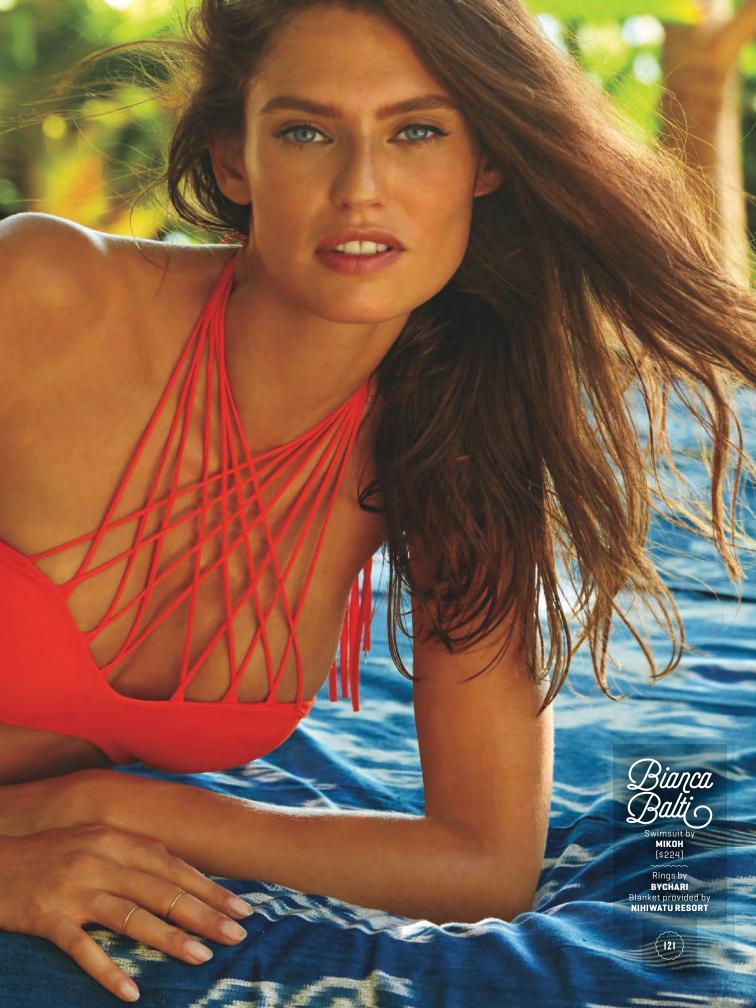


















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## WHERE DID WE GO?

Sumba Island, one of 17,508 that make up Indonesia.

#### WHERE DID WE STAY?

Oh, only at the hotel that was voted No. 1 in the world by Travel and Leisure in 2016: the marvelously elegant Nihiwatu. And thanks to owner Christopher Burch, who bought the property after visiting it with his three sons, a portion of the resort's profits are sent to the Sumba Foundation. which fosters community-based projects to provide the Sumbanese people with improved healthcare, nourishment and education.

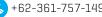
#### WHAT DID WE DO?

We enjoyed horseback riding and a visit to the fascinating traditional village of Tarung. You can spend some time in paradise at nearby Nihi Oka, where a spa day kicks off with a 90-minute hike to breakfast served in a tree platform. And then there's the surfing. Sumba is home to Occy's Left (also known as God's Left), one of the most sought-after waves in the world. It breaks right in front of Nihiwatu—and only quests can grab one of the 10 coveted slots given to surfers each day. We were lucky enough to snag a few spots and Hailey wowed us on the waves.

### WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

Hand-carved Sumba warrior swords, plus beautiful locallywoven blankets and throws dyed using the ikat technique.











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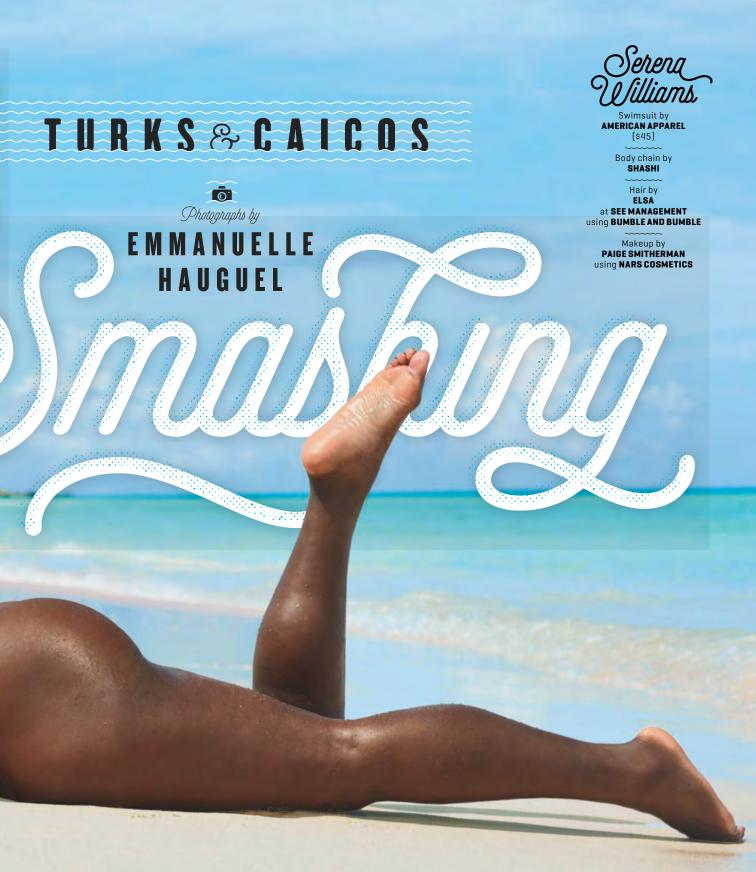
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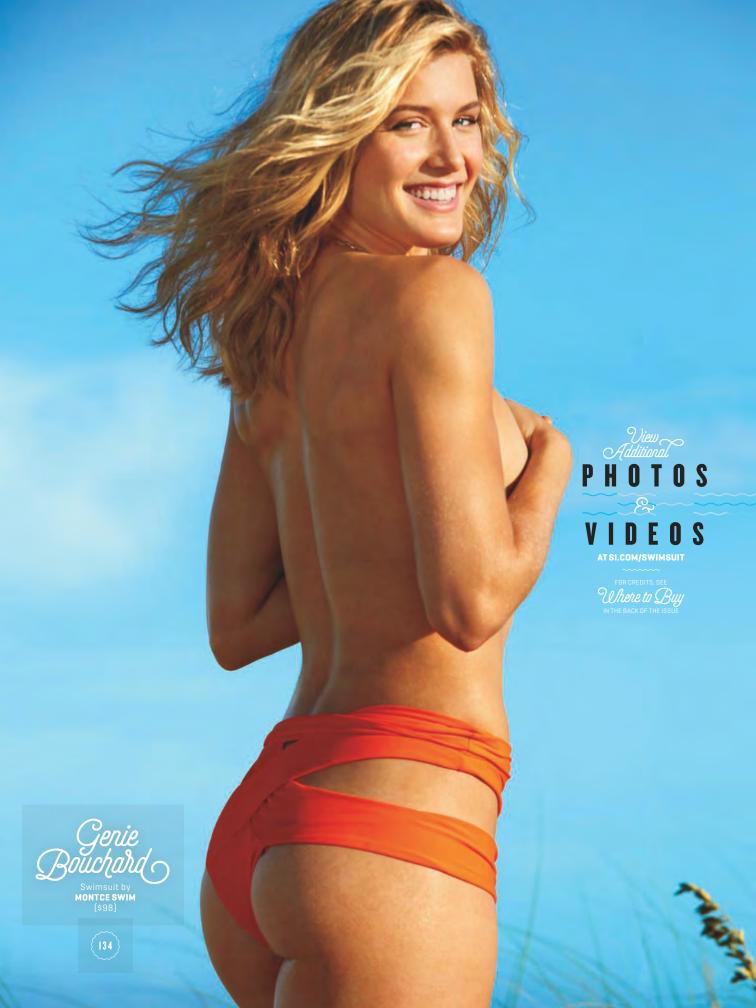


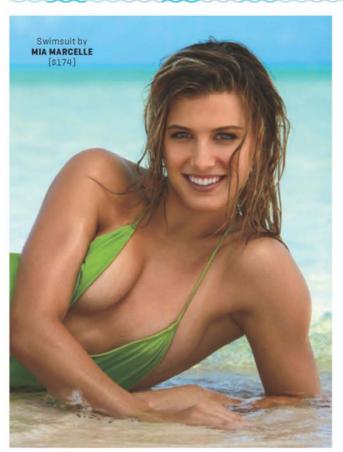
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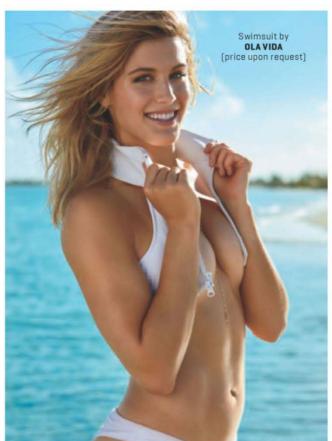




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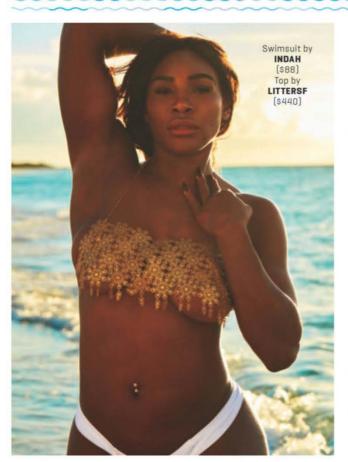






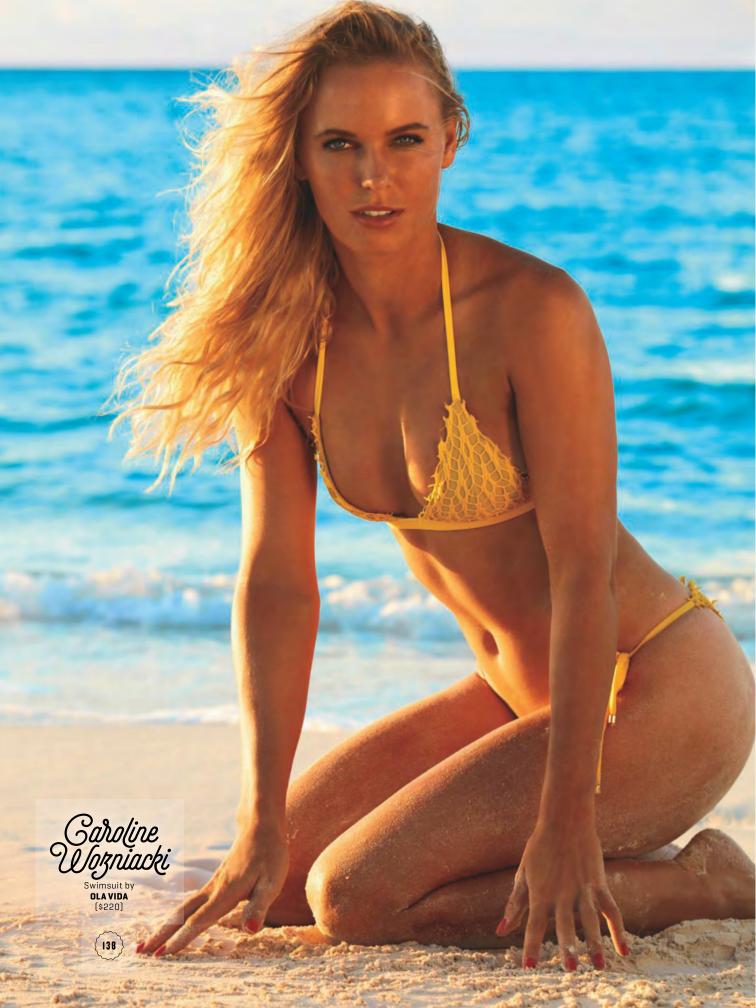


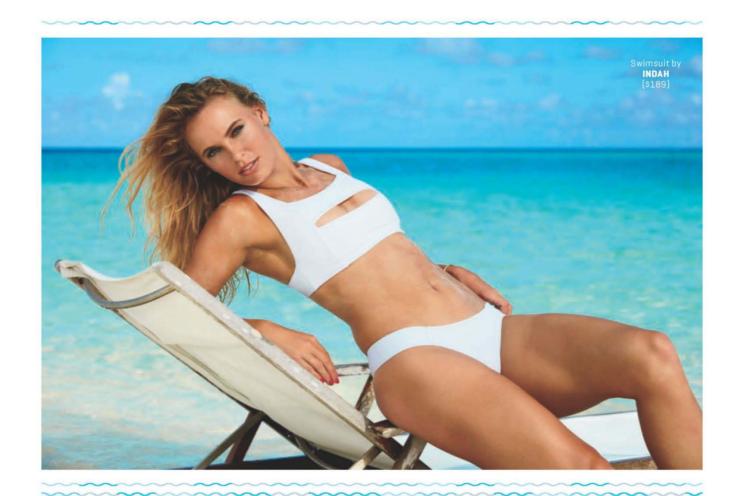


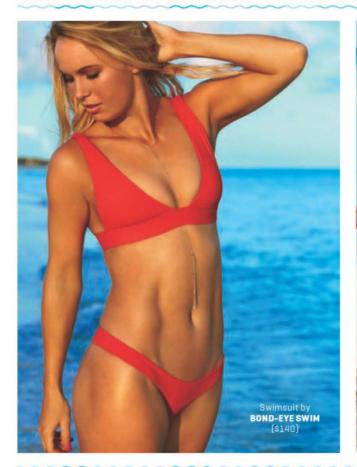




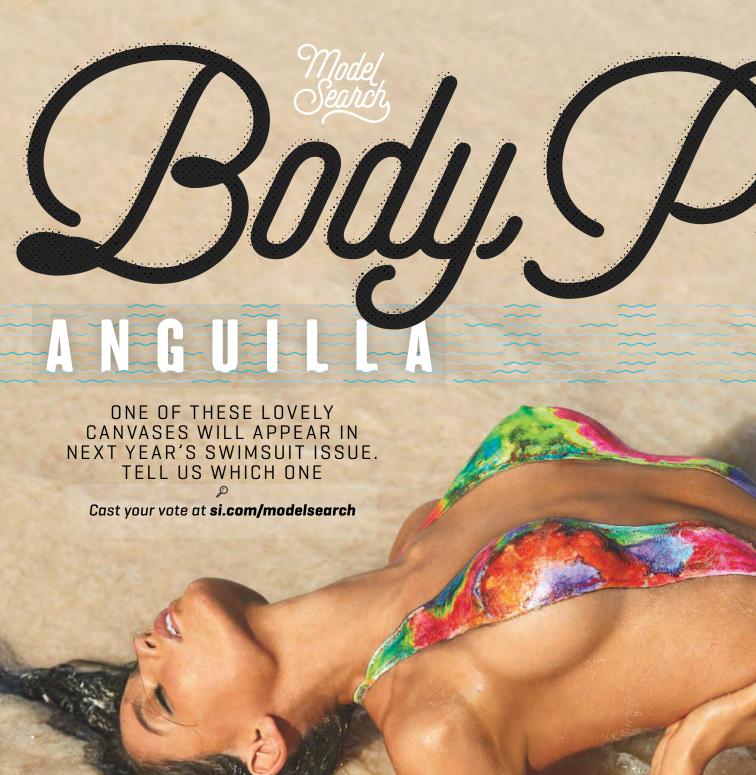












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### McKENNA **BERKLEY**

AGE 21 years old

### **HOMETOWN**

Kansas City, Mo.

After her family moved to Aspen when she was two, McKenna-who pursued musical theater in high school—learned to ski. "I love to do anything outside. I love winter. Just get me some skis and I'll get to my castings."

> Swimsuit inspired by INDIE SOUL [\$178]











*Info* The reef by **CUISINART** 



### WHERE DID WE GO?

Anguilla, a Caribbean oasis that takes its name from the Spanish word for eel, which describes the island's shape.

### WHERE DID WE STAY?

The Reef by CuisinArt, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, which marries Caribbean luxury (standing in the open-air lobby gives one the sensation of being on a yacht) with an urban flair (the swimming pool has a DJ). If all that doesn't chill you out enough, there's a luxurious 27,000-squarefoot spa.

### WHAT DID WE DO?

Rode bikes, swam, snorkeled and kayaked—in a glassbottomed boat. Guests can also take advantage of preferred tee times at the nearby Greq Normandesigned golf course. (We thought about having bodypainter Joanne Gair draw some fresh qolf slacks on us and hit the links, but we decided that might be too much work.) We also ate incredibly fresh—and delicious-meals. The on-site hydroponic farm provides farm-totable ingredients. The seafood is Caribbeanto-table. And in our case, that went both ways. We were so overwhelmed by a giant lobster (we named him Sebastian) that we decided he was too beautiful to eat. So we released him on a reef in front of the hotel.

### WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

Sand, shells and a new sensitivity toward marine life.







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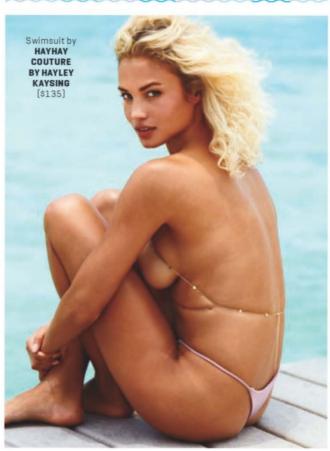
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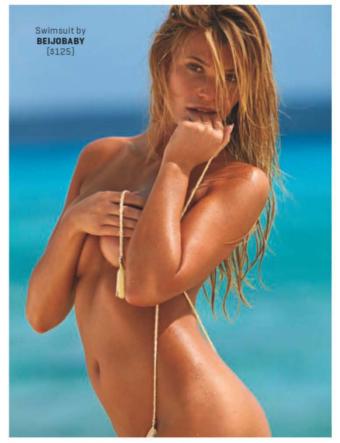














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Curação, a small island off the northern coast of South America that is part of the kingdom of the Netherlands. There's only one major city, Willemsted (a UNESCO Heritage Site that's packed with stunning Europeanstyle architecture, restaurants and museums), but the island is a melting pot. More than 50 cultures are represented, and most of Curaçao's 150,000 residents speak four languages: English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamento (a local tongue).

### WHERE DID WE STAY?

Our feeling when it comes to hotels is that if it's good enough for royalty, it's good enough for us. And Avila Beach Hotel is where the Dutch royal family stays when on Curaçao. It's easy to see why. The country's oldest hotel, which dates to 1780, offers the best of all worlds—two private beaches, but with a central location that allows quests to soak up the atmosphere in the vibrant Pietermaai district.

### WHAT DID WE DO?

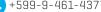
Relaxed on the pristine, covelike beaches (there are more than 35 on the island). Rookie Vita showed her mettle by diving off a cliff. Oh, and we rode an ostrich. For real. (One rider likened it to "a bicycle that has one wheel that's, like, loose.")

### WHAT DID WE **BRING HOME?**

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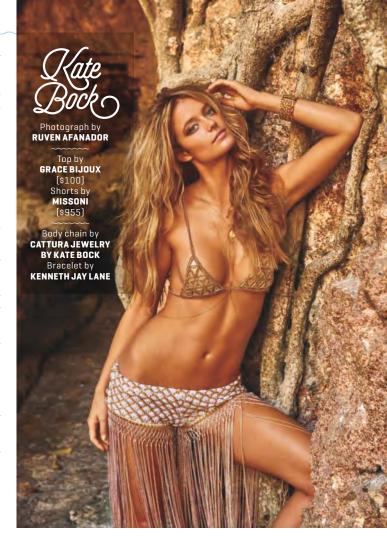
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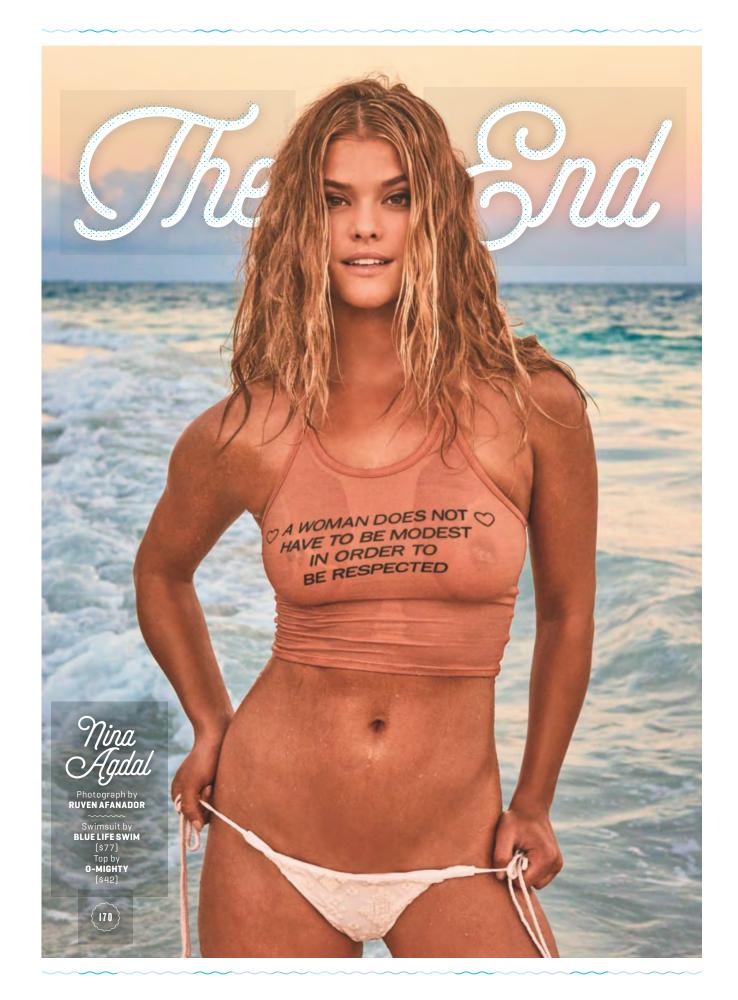
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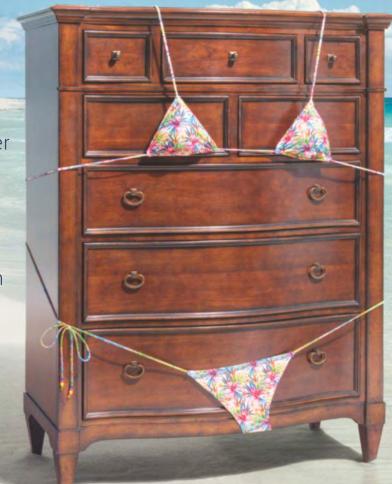
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